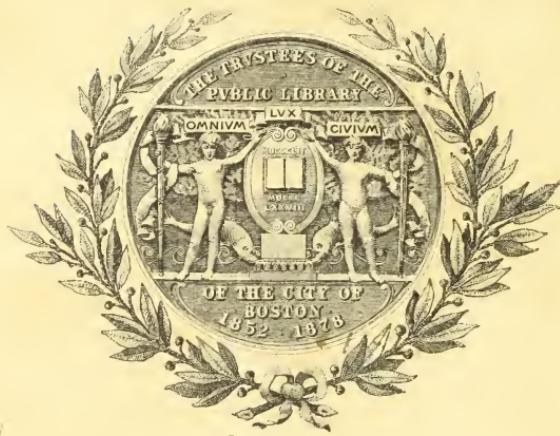




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## IX.—THE WASHINGTON AND COLVILLE FAMILIES.

By DR. G. ALDER BLUMER, of Utica, N.Y., U.S.A., in a letter dated 3rd February, 1897, addressed by him to Mr. Richard Oliver Heslop, one of the curators of the Society.

[Read on the 24th February, 1897.]

I have been working at the Washington-Colville matter for some time past, and am now able to send you copies of the wills of Thomas Colvill, John Colvill, and Frances Colvill, which, I am sure, will interest you. In order to the further elucidation of the matter, I took the liberty of reprinting the Washington letters as they appeared in the *Archaeologia Aeliana*,<sup>1</sup> and I send you several copies herewith for such distribution as may seem to you proper. I hope I did not take too much for granted in reprinting these letters for cis-Atlantic distribution without the permission of the society. In my enquiries I have been able to enlist the interest and co-operation of genealogists and antiquaries in Virginia and elsewhere, especially Dr. Lyon G. Tyler, the editor of the William and Mary college *Quarterly*, published at Williamsburg, Virginia. The next issue of the *Quarterly* will probably contain some reference to the subject. The editor is also president of William and Mary college, which, by the way, next to Harvard university, is the oldest institution of learning in this country; it was chartered in 1693. It is situated in the most historic portion of the United States—Jamestown, the seat of the first English settlement on this continent, and Yorktown, where lord Cornwallis surrendered in 1781, being only a few miles distant. Dr. Tyler's journal has contained references to the earl of Tankerville matter, under 'Personal notes from the *Maryland Gazette*,' as follows:—

1760, June 6.—' Fairfax Co., in Virginia, June 6, 1760.' To be let, a choice tract of land, several thousand acres, belonging to Charles, Earl of Tankerville, etc. (This is the Colville estate.)

1764, Sept. 6.—More about the Earl of Tankerville and the Virginia lands. John Colville and Thomas C., brothers, the Earl is one of the executors of John C., and T. C., deceased.

<sup>1</sup> Vol. ii. (n.s.) p. 120.

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1764, September.—The Colville estate in Md., to be sold by Thomas Colville. He is in controversy with the Earl of Tankerville, dates his advertisement ‘Clish, near Alexandria, Va., Sept. 22.’ Has waited nine years for the Earl to come to some determination.

You will notice in the will of Thomas Colville that he refers to the near relations in Durham of his mother, Catherine Colville, persons of the name ‘Stott, Wills, Richardson, and a woman named Catherine Smith.’ These were the English litigants whose claims led to this correspondence. It may be that there are members of the Society of Antiquaries to whom this matter is of interest.

As regards the umbrageous Thomas Washington referred to in Mrs. Addison’s letter, I am still much mystified. General Washington had no brother named Thomas. Recently, however, I have obtained from a clergyman in Nevis, where Thomas Washington is alleged to have been a planter, a copy of the register of the baptisms of the children of Robert Washington and Elizabeth his wife, as herewith enclosed.<sup>2</sup> This I regard as a very interesting discovery. There was an intimate connection, as you know, between the West Indies and Virginia in the early colonial days. The original immigrant, John Washington, is supposed to have gone first to Barbadoes, and the will of Theodore Pagiter refers to ‘Cousin John Washington’ in a manner which suggests the former being at Barbadoes about 1655.

Not long ago I addressed a letter to Mr. William Green, jun., Findon cottage, near Durham, that being the name and address of the gentleman who communicated the last letter to the society in 1857. Mr. Green’s reply comes from Dendron lodge, Leamington. He tells me that he left Findon cottage forty years ago, and that the original letter he would probably find among the papers of his uncle, T. C. Granger, Q.C., a member for the city of Durham at the time of his decease in the year 1852. He has no doubt that the Smirk family had been legally consulting him upon their claims. He thinks he must have seen Washington Smirk about 1840, but not at Butterknowle colliery, of which he (Mr. Green) had charge for some years between 1851 and 1861. He thinks, as I do, that the N . . . wick in the reprint (see page 7) refers to the Nunwick hall estate. He remembers a family of Smiths living at Haughton castle.

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Mr. Green informs me that, singularly enough, sir William Appleby

<sup>2</sup> See p. 125.

of Durham, the correspondent of Mr. Rumney, who died in 1796, was uncle to his grandmother Green, formerly Jane Appleby.

If as the result of the circulation of this reprint more light should be thrown upon this, to me, extremely interesting subject, I should be pleased and grateful to hear from you again. Is it not possible to ascertain definitely whether or not one Thomas Washington, planter, did as a matter of fact die in Gateshead ?

JOHN COLVILL'S WILL.

I, John Colvill, late of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but now of Fairfax County, Virginia, being of perfect sense and memory & mindfull of the uncertainty of this transitory life, do make, ordain & appoint this to be my last will and testament revoking all other wills by me at any time heretofore made.

1st Imprimis I render my soul to Almighty God who gave it, hoping through and by the mediation of my blessed Saviour & Redeemer Jesus Christ, to receive pardon & remission of my sins & my body to be decently interred at my Executors discretion.

Item. I give and bequeath to my loving Brother Thomas Colvill all the residue of that tract of land upon the branches of Accotink in the said County of Fairfax not before granted him commonly called the hither Quarter, together with all the Negroes and Stock of all kinds thereon it, making up the whole tract I bought of Edward Emms and the Surplusses adjoining taken up by deed from the Lord Proprietary with all the rents serviees and appurtenances thereon, to him the said Thomas Colvill his heirs or Assigns forever.

3. I give also to my said Brother Thomas Colvill for and during the term of his natural life my now dwelling plantation called Cleesh on Great Hunting Creek in said County containing one thousand acres together with the mill and appurtenances thereto near adjoining, and all the houses, utensils, Negroes and Stock that shall be on or belong to the said Plantation at the time of my decease ordering however, and it is my will and intent that the said Negroes be kept to work on the said Plantation by my said Brother or Executors, and that the profits of which an account shall be kept arising from their labour in Crops of any kind or otherwise shall be subject for the term of three years or three Crops to be applyed by my Executors hereafter named towards the payment of my just debts, but at the decease of my said Brother, then my will is, and I do hereby give and Bequeath the said plantation called Cleesh Mill, houses, utensils, Negroes and Stock unto the right Honorable, the present Earl of Tankerville and his heirs forever. And I do hereby appoint him, the said Earl of Tankerville, and my Brother Thomas Colvill, Executors of this my last will and testament.

4. And also on consideration of my near Relation and Alliance to the said present Earl of Tankerville, son of my Father's Brother's Daughter, I give and bequeath to the said Earl of Tankerville, with the free consent and approbation of my said Brother, my heir at law, all that tract or parcel of land lying on both sides Cataeton Creek in said County of Fairfax, Virginia, which I purchased from Francis Aubrey together with the Surplus lands adjoining and about the

same and added thereto by deed to me from the Lord Proprietary containing sixteen thousand acres together with all my Negroes and stock of horses, Cattle, hogs &c., that shall be thereon at the time of my decease to him the said Earl of Tankerville and his heirs forever. But Excepting one thousand acres of the said tract near John Hough's which I allot for immediate sale and which sale if not perfected by me I do hereby impower either of my said Executors to perfect and that either of their deeds shall be good and valid in law to any Purchaser whatsoever and excepting my Bequest hereafter mentioned of one other thousand acres of the said tract and Negros as my Executors here may find necessary to be sold towards the paying and satisfying my just debts in the manner hereafter expressed but subjecting the profits that may arise from the labour of the said Negroes on the said land or on what other land of mine they may be settled for and during the term of three years or three Crops after my decease, to be applied towards paying and Discharging my Debts as aforesaid.

5. I also give and Bequeath to the said Earl of Tankerville all my tract or Parcel of land lying on & about the Branches of Difficult in said County containing about Fifteen hundred acres as also my two ninth shares of the Copper mine and two hundred acres of land belonging to it in Company with others lying contiguous and adjoining to the said tract to him the said Earl of Tankerville and his heirs forever.

6. And that the Negroes and stock may be preserved and improved in the best manner as well on the said land at Catacton as at my dwelling Plantation, I leave the sole management thereof to my said Brother on whose care and Fidelity I can assuredly depend to keep account of and receive the profits arising from the labour of the said Negroes in their Crops of Tobacco or Grain, the Brewery, Distillery or any other manner retaining for his reasonable expense & trouble and the residue for the term of three years or three crops after my decease to be applied towards paying my debts as aforesaid, but that my said Brother shall not be answerable for the natural death or casual loss of any the said Stock or Negroes.

7. And for the more certain Enabling my said Executors towards paying my said debts and any legacy I may hereafter mention, I do hereby appoint and direct that my tract of land lying on the Maryland side of Potomoke river by Pattent called Merryland and said to lye in Prince George's but is now in Frederick County, Maryland, containing six thousand three hundred acres be sold by my Executor or Executors to be applied towards paying the same but that in case the said tract of land called Merryland together with the Profits arising from the Plantations subjected as afsd., should fall short of paying all my said debts when Ascertained and legacy's, then my will is anything herein to the Contrary notwithstanding that my Executor acting and residing in this Colony of Virginia shall and is hereby impowered to raise any deficiency that may happen by the further sale of such part of my Catacton or Negros or any other land or Negros herein given and Bequeathed to the said Earl my dwelling Plantation and Negros excepted as shall seem to my said Executor most expedient except the said Earl of Tankerville choosing rather to prevent the sale of any part of the said Virginia land or Negros will assume upon himself the discharge of such deficiency and wholly quit exonerate and indemifye my said Executor therefrom.

8. And I leave all my tracts or parcels of land lying on or about four mile run in said County containing about fourteen hundred acres to be disposed of by my Executors in such manner as may most tend to the benefit and advantage of my estate in Behalf of the said Earl of Tankerville his heirs &c.

9. And whereas, Mary Foster who came into the Country in my ship and when free continued to live with me several years, I do therefore in full consideration of all her services and demands give and Bequeath unto the said Mary Foster my tract of land or Plantation lying on the branches of Tuscarora in said County which I bought of Middleton Shaw containing one hundred and seventy-eight acres together with one-half of the horses, Cattle and hogs that shall be on the said Plantation at the time of my decease. And I also further give and Bequeath to the said Mary Foster in and for the full consideration aforesaid, the sum of sixty pounds curr. money to be paid her by my said Executors in nine months after my decease.

10. I give and Bequeath to my Daughter Catherine by the said Mary and now the wife of John West, Jun., and to the said John West one thousand acres of my Catacton tract of land to be laid off adjoining to John Hough's land which he bought of Amos Jenny in such manner as my said Executors shall approve together with fifteen Negros old and young to be set off in as equal manner as may be at the discretion of my said Executors to them the said Catherine and John and their heirs forever.

11. I give and Bequeath to or among the heir or heirs of my Brother in law George Colvill late also of Newcastle upon Tyne where or wheresoever they may be the sum of forty pounds sterling meaning and intending thereby to cut off all the Descendants from the said George Colvill or any claiming or deriving from him or them or any claiming or deriving from the first Venture of my Father from inheriting or enjoying any other part of my estate.

12. I give and Bequeath unto the Trustees or managers of the Charity school of All Saints Parish in Newcastle aforesaid the sum of forty pounds sterling to be used and disposed of for the Benefit of the said Charity school and scholars in such manner and to such uses as other like Benefactions are used and put by the said Trustees.

This Instrument of writing contained in three pages was signed and sealed in each Page by the within mentioned John Colvill and declared by him to contain and to be his last will and Testament this sixth day of May Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five.

John Colvill (Seal).

In presence of us Danl. French, Wm. Sewell, Thos. Harrison, Jun., G. West.

At a Court held for the County of Fairfax 20th January, 1756. This will was presented in Court by Thomas Colvill Gent., one of the Executors herein named who made oath thereto and the same being proved by the oaths of Daniel French, William Sewell, and George West three of the Witnesses, is admitted to record. And the said Executor having performed what the laws require Certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Test. P. Wagener Cl. Cur.

A copy Teste: F. W. Richardson Clerk.

Jany 6, 1897.

(Copy John Colvill's Will)

(Recorded in Will Book B. No. 1, folio 97 & Ex.)

## THOMAS COLVILL'S WILL.

In the name of God, Amen. I, Thomas Colvill, originally from Newcastle-upon-Tyne, late of Cecil County, Maryland, but at Present of Fairfax County, Virginia, being at this present very near Seventy-eight years of age, but in perfect & sound memory, do make this my Last Will and Testament, Resigning my soul to its Creator in hopes through Christ of future Happiness, and my Body to be decently buried, as I may hereafter mention, or my Executors think fit.

But in the first place, for the better understanding, this my said Will hereafter to be mentioned, it may be necessary to Premise, viz. :

That my Brother, John Colvill, late of the said County of Fairfax, did by his last Will and Testament dated 1755, therein give and bequeath unto the Right Honorable the present Earl of Tankerville, and his heirs forever, a large and valuable Estate in Lands and Negroes, lying in Virginia, but with all subjeeting the said Land and Negroes (his dwelling, Plantation and Negroes Excepted) towards the payment of all his just debts, & appointing me acting Executor to his said last Will, but the Bulk of said Debts being Chiefly owing and due to persons in England and to myself in Sterling money, full power was therefore given me by the said Will for my Security, to sell and dispose of a large Tract of Land in Maryland with full power to raise the deficieny by a Sale of any of the Virginia Lands or Negroes (not before Excepted) that I should think fit for the full satisfaction and paiment of all his just Debts, except his Lordship would take upon himself the payments thereof, and fully exonerate and indemnifie me as Executor therefrom. But which he has hitherto refused or neglegeted to do even to this day. Whereupon, as I have above mentioned, the Estate of my said Brother John Colvill being justly indebted to me for many years Servies, and Commissions, in September Court 1761, held for Fairfax County before whose Justees when I produced the Aeeounts of my Administration of the said Estate, I inserted and exhibited therein my Amount of the said debt so due to me to the amount of Eight hundred & Twenty-nine pounds, seventeen shillings Sterling, whieh said Aecount was then and there allowed and adjudged due to me by the said Court. But his Lordship's Agent malicieously opposing me herein, appealed from the said Judgment to the General Court at Williamsburg, where to my very great aggrievance and expense, he got it hung up by the arts of his Lawyers in the General Court of April, 1765, when on a hearing before the said General Court, the Judgment of Fairfax County Court as aforesaid was thereby eonfirmed. And Whereas, my mother Catharine Colvill died at Newcastle aforesaid about May, 1719, at which time I was in Virginia; and by her last Will leaving the Chief of her Estate Real and Personal between my said Brother and my Sister Esther, then the wife of Capt. Mathias Gills but leaving me a Legaey of One Hundred pounds in the said Will, making him, the said John Colvill Sole Executor thereof: But the said John Colvill through negleet or carelessness never gave me the least hint of my said Mother's Will, nor of any of her affairs, nor my said Sister neither, so that it was kept entirely from my knowledge for forty odd years, till accidently I examined a box of old Papers many years ago left in my possession by the said John Colvill and therein found a Correspondenee of Letters between my said Brother at London and my said Sister at Neweastle dated about the

months of May and June 1719, which contained a Copy of the said Will, and all other matters relative to my said Mother's Estate, on which account at Fairfax County Court for 1765, I produced to the said Court the evidence of the letters of Correspondence aforesaid. Judgment was given for my recovery of the said legacy of One Hundred Pounds Sterling, together with interest thereon from the time of my said Mother's death, amounting at that time to about three hundred and thirty Pounds Sterling. In the mean time the Agent (for the surer furthering of his ill designs and purposes) had been of a long time fomenting disputes and Differences between Lord Tankerville and myself by false reports, til by a letter I wrote her Ladyship (The Lady Tankerville) dated Dec. 10th, 1764, matters became better understood and explained in such manner that in answer to my said letter, her Ladyship wrote me a long letter dated the 5th March 1765, wherein the Villiany of the Agent is discovered, my Lord declared innocent from all the Causes of my Complaints (which were not few or small) and a reconciliation is desired, which through her Ladyship's great Prudence, my belief that his Lordship had been imposed upon by his Agent, when he was so long sick and abroad : And for that my first inclinations to serve him was not quite effaced, I was willing to accept, and to render his Lordship my future Services, as her Ladyship in his name earnestly requires.

Whereupon in a letter I wrote the Countess of Tankerville, dated the 16th Sept. 1765, I enclosed to his Lordship through her hands my stated accounts against the Estate of my Brother John Colvill containing among other articles, the Two Judgments before mentioned, wherein on a Ballance Struck there appeared to be due to me from the Estate of my said Brother, the sums of £1142. 16s. 11d. Sterling and £163. 11s. 10d. Current money of Virginia, and to which letter and Account her Ladyship answered by his Lordship's orders, in a letter dated 9th Dec., 1765, wherein his Lordship is pleased to approve of and acknowledge my said Sterling Debt of £1142. 16. 11. aforesaid, & also of my Current money Charge, adding himself thereto £37. 10. 0 Sterling by his own Settlement making the Ballance due to me from the Estate £1180. 6. 11 Sterlg. And also his Lordship reminded me that I had omitted Charging Interest of the said £829. 17. 0, which he desired should be added to the said £1180. 6. 11, and which said Interest from Sept. 1761, to September 1766, being five years amounts to £207. 10. 0 added to the said £1180. 6. 11 makes the whole Sterling account or Debt due to me from the Estate of the said John Colvill amount to £1387 16. 11 Sterling: and also in the said letter signifying his Lordship's directions to me immediately to sell such part of the Lands as will satisfy me for the Debts and Interest aforesaid. But I begin now with relation to this my last Will and Testament, & therefore now in regard of his Lordship's generous and ready Settlement of my Accounts, and as an acknowledgment of the very great respect and regard I entertain for her Ladyship, together with my own inclinations to the Family, I do hereby give and bequeath unto the Honorable Henry Bennet, Esquire, younger son to the said Lord and Lady, the sum of Seven Hundred Pounds Sterling, to be Struck off from my above mentioned Ballance of £1387. 16. 11 due to me from the Estate as aforesaid, and to be paid by his Lordship, his Heirs, Exers. or Administrators unto the said Henry Bennet, Esqr., his son at such time as the said Henry shall arrive at proper age to receive the same, with lawful interest thereon, and which said

sum of £700. 0. 0 for the use of the said Henry so struck off from my account as aforesaid, will then leave a Ballance of £687. 16. 11 Sterling being the remainder of the said Debt of £1387. 16. 11 for his Lordship to account of my Excrs. on account of the said estate & which said sum of £687. 16. 11 I will that it shall be raised by my Executors out of the first money arising from the Sale of any of the Lands to the said John Colville's Estate belonging to be applied together with the rest of my Estate hereafter to be mentioned to the Payment of all my just debts & Legacies hereafter expressed.

I Give and devise to my Beloved wife Francina, alias Frances Colvill, the Plantation whereon I lately lived and the Plantation called & known by the name of Tom's Quarter near it, to include Four hundred and fifty acres in the whole together with the following Negroes (viz): Tom, Isaac, Young Tom, Fan, Jenny, Sue, Nancy, Sterling and Nace together with all the Stock of every kind on the said Plantation, for and during her Natural Life, or widowhood: But at the decease of my said wife or widowhood, then my Will is that the said four hundred and fifty acres of Land together with the before-mentioned Negroes and Stock, shall fall and belong unto her niece Sarah Savin, and her heirs forever.

I leave the use of my negro man George unto my wife during her life or widowhood, and after that Term is expired, I give the said negro George unto John West Jr., and his heirs forever.

I leave my negro man Ben (at present an apprentice learning the Trade of a Blacksmith) between my said wife and John West Jr., to be hired out, dividing the Profits between them, but at the decease of my said wife, then my will is that the said John West have full Property in the said Negro Ben forever. I Give & bequeath the use, benefit and Advantage of Negroes old Abney, Ned, Dinah and her Children, unto my wife during her natural life or widowhood, after that Term is expired to be disposed of as will be expressed hereafter in this Will. I give and bequeath unto my wife my negro woman named Moll to her, her heirs or assigns forever. I Give & bequeath unto Benjamin Moody Two hundred Acres of Land out of my Accotink Tract, to be laid out to him as my Executors shall adjudge reasonable & right, to him & his heirs forever. I Give and Bequeath unto the said Benjamin Moody and his heirs forever, my youn negro woman named Daphne. I Give and bequeath unto my wife's all my household furniture including my Clock. I also give her my horse Chair & harness, and any Two horses of mine at Clish which she shall choose. I Give and bequeath unto my wife's niece Sarah Savin Two hundred and fifty Pounds Current money and my negro Girl named Teenz to her and her heirs forever. I Give and bequeath unto Ann and Daughter of Capt. William Ramsay, & to her heirs forever, a negro Girl named Sarah now in her own possession. I Give and bequeath unto Sarah Johnston the daughter of Capt. Geo. Johnston, and to her heirs forever a negro Girl named Monica. I Give and bequeath unto Catharine, the daughter of John West, Junr., and to her heirs forever my negro Girl named Nan. I give and bequeath unto Thomas, the son of John West Jun., and to his heirs forever, my negro Boy named Spencer. I Give and bequeath unto Isabella Hollingsbury, the sum of Twenty Pounds Current money and the use of my Tract of Land containing one hundred and fifty-eight acres, lying near Pimnick's Run, for and during the Term of her natural life. I Give and bequeath unto the youngest daughter of Mr. William Anderson, Merchant in

London the sum of Eighty Pounds Sterling. My will & desire is that my Executors do sell so much of the Landed Estate of my deceased Brother John Colvill, as will satisfie and pay all his just debts in the same manner that I myself have power to do by his Will. My will and desire is that all the remainder of my Lands at Accotink not herebefore disposed of, be sold by my Executors, together with the Remainder of my Negroes not mentioned before in this my Will: in the first place towards the payment of my debts, afterwards to be applied to the payment of Legacies mentioned already, or to be mentioned hereafter in this Will.

I do hereby appoint my Beloved wife Francina Colvill, George Washington, Esqr., and John West Jun., Executors of this my last Will and Testament, and do by these Presents utterly revoke my other Will or Wills by me herebefore made.

I Give and Bequeath unto John West Jun., the sum of one hundred Pounds Current money: & whereas in all probability my Executors will have considerable Trouble in settling and adjusting my affairs towards their encouragement.

I Give and Bequeath unto George Washington Esqr., the sum of one hundred Pounds Current money and I Give and bequeath unto John West Jun., a further sum of one hundred Pounds Current money. I Give & bequeath unto my wife my Bay Mare that was raised at Mr. Digge's. My will and desire is that at the Death of my Wife, my negro woman Dinah and her Children be sold, and that the money arising by the Sale do go as will be hereafter expressed. My will and desire is that my two negro men Ned and old Abner after the decease of my Wife, I give & bequeath unto my wife Eighty pounds Current money. And Whereas, my mother Catharine Colvill had several near Relations in Durham, of the names of Stott, Wills, Richardson & a woman named Catharine Smith, it is my will and desire that the Overplus or residue of my Estate when sold as aforesaid, (if any overplus there be) be divided into four Equal Parts, and that each of the before-mentioned Stott, Wills, Richardson & Smith have one fourth part of the said overplus of my Estate. My meaning is, that those of these names the nearest related to my said mother, or to their direct descendants, have each their fourth Parts of the said residue, after having made sufficient Proof of their respective relationship to my said mother, and they enter their several Claims, and make the Proper proofs as aforesaid to my Executors within five years after my decease, and if they neglect or refuse to do so within that time, then my will & desire is that the said residue descend unto the Child or Children of John West Jun., in such manner as he, the said John West, shall think fit to order and appoint. My will is that my Executors as soon as convenient after my death do send Letters to Durham to inform the said Stott, Wills, Richardson & Smith of this part of my Will that relates to them.

In Testimony of this being my last Will & Testament I have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this Eighth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and sixty-six.

Thomas Colvill. (Seal.)

The above will was signed, sealed & acknowledged to be the last Will & Testament of Thomas Colville Gent., by him in the presence of us. John Dalton, Harry Piper, Jno. Kirkpatrick, Wm. Rumney.

At a Court held for the County of Fairfax XIXth January 1767.

This Will was presented in Court by Frances Colvill, George Washington, Esqr., and John West, Jun., Executors herein named, who made oath thereto, and the same being proved by the oaths of Harry Piper, John Kirkpatrick, & William Rumney, three of the Witnesses hereto, is admitted to Record, and the said Executors having performed what the Laws require, a Certificate is granted them for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form. Teste. P. Wagener. Cl. Cur.

A copy. Teste: F. W. Richardson, Clerk.  
Jan'y 6, 1897.

(Copy of Thos. Colvill's Will.)  
Recorded in Liber B. No. 1, folio 424 & Ex.

#### FRANCES COLVILL'S WILL.

In the Name of God Amen. I Francis Colvill widow of Thomas Colvill, Gent. deceased, being in perfect sense and memory at this time, thanks be to God for do make ordain constitute and appoint this to be my last will and testament utterly Revoking any will or wills heretofore by me made.

Imprimis I give my Soul to God who gave it me, hoping for a joy full Resurrection through the Merits of Jesus Christ my Saviour.

Item. My will is that all my just debts be punctually paid.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Sarah Bernard five pounds for a Ring.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Catharine West the half Dozen Silver table spoons marked F. C.—also one half of my Bedding, one half of my China, My close Stool chair My Scarlett Gown, a covered basket and whatsoever Shall be in the upper Drawer of the case of Drawers in my bed chamber at the time of my death.

Item. I give unto John West Junr. Hogarth's Prints.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Doctor Rumney a mare colt now in his possession.

Item. I give and bequeath unto Elizabeth Ramsay My Spinnet now in her possession.

Item. I give and bequeath unto my Nephew Benjamin Moody all the residue of my Estate desiring him to take care of negro Moll for my Sake and I do hereby appoint the said Benjamin Moody to be my whole & Sole Executor of this my last will and Testament.

Item. I desire No Inventory of my Estate may be made nor any funeral Sermon.

In witness whereof I have hereunto Set my hand & seal this 29th day of March 1772. Fras. Colvill. (Seal.)

Signed, Sealed and published as the last will and Testament of Frances Colvill in presence of us. John Rhodes, Richard Lake.

At a court continued & held for the County of Fairfax, 16th March 1773.

This will was presented in Court by Benjamin Moody Executor herein named who made oath hereto & the same being proved by the oaths of the witnesses hereto is admitted to record & the said executor having performed what the law requires a certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form.

Teste: P. Wagener Jr. Clk. Ct.

A Copy. Teste: F. W. Richardson, Clerk.

(Copy Will of Frances Colvill.)  
(Recorded in Will book C. No. 1, on page 148 & Ex.)

## REGISTERS.

Extracted from the Register of St. George's church, Nevis, West Indies, January 7, 1897, by the Reverend John Jones, rector.

Feb. 9, 1794. Baptized Mary Blackmore Washington, daughter of Robert Washington & Elizabeth his wife.

May 20, 1795. Baptized Robert Washington, son of Robert Washington & Elizabeth his wife.

Oct. 23, 1796. Baptized William Washington, son of Robert Washington & Elizabeth his wife.

Dec. 3, 1797. Baptized Thomas Washington, son of Robert Washington & Elizabeth his wife.

























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